

SLOVENIA - SI

Jurisdiction - General Information

Slovenia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since June 25, 1991. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since March 1, 1994, but it can be designated only through a European Patent. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

Slovenia is a member of the European Patent Organization ([EPO](#)) and belongs to the “European patents with unitary effect” system, started on June 1, 2023, which provides a unitary effect for an European patent (EP) granted in 17 of the 27 European Union member countries (updated January 2024).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Slovenia can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Slovenia has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English** and **Slovenian interface**. It contains information about Slovenian patents and European patents designating Slovenia.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on **Fee Payment**, **Legal Status**, and **Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)**, but only for granted patents. It is also possible to access patents **Full Publications** through the [publication server](#).

The Online Register can also be searched by **Applicant/Inventor Name**.

The Online Gazette is published monthly in Slovenian. It is searchable by number and date and can be displayed in PDF format. The current coverage is from 2006 to present.

European patents designating Slovenia can be searched in the Online Register or in the [European Patent Register](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Slovenia

Protection through **SPCs** is available.

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Search tips

European must be searched without the “EP” code, e.g. “2633971” for EP 2633971. An example of **Legal Status** is “Lapsed” for said European Patent.